

Covid Narrative June 7, 2021

The town observed Memorial Day on Monday, May 30 at the high school athletic fields. The observance included a moving tribute to those who died and those who are missing in action while serving in the armed forces. The Chair of Honor was dedicated. The solemn ceremony is available on Scituate Community Television.

Well 19 is back online but Town Administrator Jim Boudreau stresses that residents conserve water and remember watering is only allowed between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. In-ground irrigation systems are allowed to run one day a week according to voting precinct.

Due to the recent heatwave, usage jumped to as high as 2.7 million gallons a day. The excess usage can be attributed to outside water use.

Local police and the Environmental Police are monitoring the whereabouts of the black bear that has been spotted in Scituate, Norwell, Cohasset and Hingham. Residents should keep their dogs leashed, empty birdfeeders and make sure no household trash is outside. Links on the Scituate Police Department website provide more information about black bears.

The state is now essentially free of Covid restrictions. However, masks are still required on public transportation and ride-sharing services. Individual businesses may also still require masks. The governor will lift the state of emergency June 15 which may impact the town's ability to hold remote meetings. For more details, visit mass.gov/covid.

Anyone age 12 and older is eligible for the Covid vaccine. No appointment is needed at the Marshfield fairgrounds. Those aged 17 and under, must get the Pfizer vaccine. The Moderna vaccine has not been approved for those under 18.

Scituate had five cases over two weeks (one last week and four the previous week). The town's positivity rate is .53 percent. Scituate is "gray" on the state Covid map, which is the lowest rating the town could have.

The Peggotty parking lot base coat is down and temporary striping has been applied. Final paving will occur, weather permitting. The town did not want to close the parking lot during the heatwave. Repaving requires closing the lot for at least half a day.

The Cole Parkway and Cedar Point projects are complete apart from the railings at the overlook and final paving at Cedar Point.

Superintendent of Schools William Burkhead said the schools are in communication with families about the black bear sightings. Also, efforts were made to ensure students were well hydrated during the heatwave.

The school had no new cases of Covid. There have been 228 total cases to date.